

GIRARD et al
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REMARKS

In response to the species election requirement advanced in the April 4, 2007 Official Action, applicants hereby elect the following species as set forth on page 4 thereof:

Species-SF (support fibers): Claims 27, 28 and 42;

Species-S (stabilizer): Claim 33

Species- P (preservative): Claim 34

Species-GP (grid): Claims 24-26, 46 and 47

The following claims appear to read on the elected species: Claims 21-28, 33, 34, 42 and 47, of which at least claim 21 is generic to all disclosed species.

In addition to the election above, applicants further elect the following as an ultimate species for the Markush groups of claims 33 and 34:

Stabilizing agent: vegetable proteins

Preservative agent: animal proteins

It is believed that the election above is commensurate with the Examiner's requirements in the Official Action. As such, favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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